

§ 121.97 Life preserver inspection.

At each regular inspection of a vessel, and oftener if deemed necessary, the inspector shall examine and inspect all life preservers in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard rules and regulations for vessel inspection. If found to be satisfactory, they shall be plainly stamped with the word "Passed," the date of inspection, and the inspector's initial.

CROSS REFERENCE: Vessel inspection, rules and regulations of U.S. Coast Guard, see 46 CFR.

§ 121.98 Means of escape from vessels.

(a) On all vessels where the plans and arrangements will possibly permit, all enclosures where passengers or crews may be quartered shall be provided with not less than two avenues of escape, so located that if one of such avenues is not available another may be.

(b) Every vessel of 50 tons or over carrying passengers shall be provided with permanent stairways forward and aft. Every vessel shall be provided with sufficient means of escape from lower to upper deck, or vice versa.

§ 121.99 Fire axes.

(a) All vessels shall be equipped with fire axes, as follows:

Gross tons	Axes
Over 25 tons and not over 50 tons	1
Over 50 tons and not over 200 tons	2
Over 200 tons and not over 500 tons	4
Over 500 tons and not over 1,000 tons	6
Over 1,000 tons	8

(b) All axes shall be located so as to be readily found in time of need, shall not be used for general purposes, and shall be kept in good condition.

(c) The vessel's name shall be marked on each ax handle.

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§ 121.100 Fire detecting and alarm system.

(a) All passenger vessels of more than 150 feet in length having berth or state-room accommodations for passengers shall be provided with an efficient fire alarm or fire detecting system, which will automatically indicate or register at one or more points or stations,

where it can be most quickly observed by officers and crew, the presence or indication of fire in any part of the vessel not accessible to a patrol system.

(b) All passenger vessels with sleeping quarters for passengers shall be provided with a manual fire alarm system which operates alarm bells in the pilot house and engine room. The manual alarm system shall have a suitable number of stations on all decks so as to enable the alarm to be given immediately in case of fire.

(c) All vessels over 100 gross tons shall have all sleeping accommodations equipped with a sufficient number of alarm bells so located as to warn all occupants. The alarm bells, if electric, shall be operated from an open switch in the pilot house or bridge. The bells shall be of such size and character as to provide an alarm throughout the spaces for which they are provided.

§ 121.101 Steam and inert-gas fire extinguishing systems, fire pumps, outlets and hoses.

Steam and inert-gas fire extinguishing systems, fire pumps, fire pump outlets and hoses shall be provided on passenger and cargo vessels in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard general rules and regulations for vessel inspection, or, with the requirements of the international convention for the safety of life at sea; unless otherwise provided in this part.

§ 121.102 Portable fire extinguishers.

All vessels subject to this section shall be provided with good and efficient U.S. Coast Guard approved marine portable fire extinguishers. The number and type required shall be determined by the Marine Safety Unit.

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§ 121.103 Station bills.

The master of every vessel of 150 gross tons or over shall have station bills prepared and posted in conspicuous places in several parts of the vessel, particularly in the crews quarters. They must contain full particulars of the signals which will be used for calling the crew to their stations for emergency duties, and indicate the station to which each man must go and the duties he has to perform.